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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to the application filed on 26 July 2004.
2. Claims 1-12 are presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement filed on 26 July 2004 regarding to the document # WO9966751 A fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
6. Claim 3 recites the limitation "the intermediate coupling device" in claim 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Golombek et al. US2005/0030915 A1.

9. As to claim 1, Golombek discloses substantially the invention as in claimed, including a method for coupling each of one or more peripheral devices (*Fig. 3, elements 70, 190, 200*) to a network of distributed antennas (*Fig. 3, DBS antenna system element 80*), each peripheral device being suitable for transmission of one or more carrier signals (*Fig. 3, GSM and UMTS signals, [0048]*), which each occupy a different radio frequency band (*Fig. 16*), the network of antennas comprising a main transmission path by cable (*Fig. 3, DBS antenna system element 80*), in which the carrier signals are coupled into and out of the main transmission path from and to the peripheral devices respectively, comprising the steps of:

a) dividing the network of antennas into a first network and a second network comprising a first main transmission path part (*Fig. 13, GSM 1800 element 60*) and a second main transmission path part (*Fig. 3, DBS UMTS element 60*) of the main transmission path respectively; and

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at a location (*Figs. 3, 9, element NCD 180*) between the first and second main transmission path parts:

- b) splitting the first main transmission path part into a first group of intermediate transmission paths for transmission of different carrier signals over different intermediate transmission paths of the first group (*Fig. 17, GSM 1800 uplink and downlink with shifted or intermediate frequencies, elements 420-404-213-432-410-203-402-412*);
- c) splitting the second main transmission path part into a second group of intermediate transmission paths for transmission of different carrier signals over different intermediate transmission paths of the second group (*Fig. 17, UMTS uplink and downlink with shifted or intermediate frequencies, elements 420'-404'-213-432-410-203-402'-412'*); and
- d) connecting an intermediate path of the second group to an intermediate path of the first group or to a further peripheral device (*Fig. 17, connecting to element antenna 200 or to the element TV 70*).

10. As to claim 2, Golombek discloses, wherein an intermediate path (*Fig. 17, path 404-213*) of the first group of intermediate paths is connected to an intermediate path (*Fig. 17, path 404'-213*) of the second group of intermediate paths (*Fig. 17, element 213 or element 203*).

11. As to claim 3, Golombek discloses, wherein an input of the intermediate coupling device for connection to the further peripheral device (*Fig. 9, port input connected to TV*

70) is connected to an intermediate path of the second group of intermediate paths or to an intermediate path terminating member (*Fig. 17, connecting to element antenna 200*).

12. Claim 4 corresponds to the system claim of claim 1; therefore, it is rejected under the same rationale as in claim 1.

13. Claims 5-6 have similar limitations of claims 2-3; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale as in claims 2-3.

14. As to claim 7, Golombek discloses wherein the intermediate paths of the first and second groups of intermediate paths and the further peripheral device are connected to each other by remote controllable electronic switches (*Figs. 3, 15, elements 110, 120 converting or switching remotely all frequency signals*).

15. As to claim 8, Golombek discloses, wherein remote control of the electronic switches is exercised by control functionality of a peripheral device which is associated with the switch (*Figs. 3, 17, elements 432, 410 in element 190 associated with the element NCD 180*).

16. As to claim 9, Golombek discloses, wherein a first port (*Figs. 9, the element of port connected to the TV 70*) of circulator is connected to a first intermediate path, a second port (*Figs. 9, the element of port connected to/from DMDM 190*) is connected to a short circuit or to a further peripheral device, and a third port (*Figs. 9, the element of port connected to/from DBS cable system 80*) of the circulator is connected to a second intermediate path.

17. As to claim 10, Golombek discloses, wherein with a further peripheral device connected to the second port of circulator the further peripheral device provides a

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matched load to said second port (*Figs. 3, 9, 17, matching frequency band for the communication TV 70*).

18. As to claim 11, Golombek discloses, wherein with a further peripheral device connected to the second port of circulator the further peripheral device is connected to said second port through an isolator which provides a matched load to said second port (*Figs. 3, 9, 17, matching frequency band for the communication TV 70*).

19. As to claim 12, Golombek discloses, wherein the isolator is a further circulator of which an intermediate or second port is terminated by a matched load (*Figs. 3, 9, 17, matching frequency band for the communication TV 70*).

20. Further references of interest are cited on Form PTO-892, which is an attachment to this action.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai V. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3901. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00-3:30 Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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